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Sir:

A final Office action was issued in the above-referenced application on August 19, 2005. The non-extendible deadline to file a response is February 21, 2006, because February 19, 2006 is a Sunday and February 20, 2006 is a federal holiday. Cofiled herewith is a Request for Continued Examination of this application as amended herein under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A Petition for extension of time of 3 months is also enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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